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TO: The Alton Rural District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The following is my Report on this District for the year ending 31st December 1944.

The area of the District is (in acres) .....65,526.  
The population 1931 census (including 4,562  
military).....20,455.  
The population estimated in 1945  
(civilian only).....17,660.  
The number of inhabited houses is.....5,133.  
The Rateable value is .....£142,082.  
The sum represented by a penny rate is .....£607/7/6d.

According to the figures supplied to me by the Registrar, the Births and Deaths are as follows :-

|                      |                    |     |           |    |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------|----|
| <u>Live Births</u> - | Legitimate (males) | 93, | (females) | 91 |
|                      | Illegitimate "     | 59, | "         | 57 |

TOTAL - 300.

Birth Rate - 16.9

Deaths - The total number of deaths belonging to this District was 248 - of these 96 died outside my District.

Death Rate per 1,000 of the population - 14. 0.

|                                |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Deaths from Puerperal causes   | .... | .... | NIL. |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year | ...  | .... | 18   |
| Deaths from Cancer             | ...  | .... | 31   |
| Deaths from Measles            | ...  | .... | NIL. |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough     | ...  | .... | NIL. |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea ..       | ...  | .... | NIL. |

Deaths over 70 years of age numbered 135 - of these 49 were over 80 and 3 over 90 years of age.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA :-

The Public Officers are :-

Medical Officer of Health - Part-time Officer.

Chief Sanitary Inspector & Building Surveyor - Whole-time Officer. He holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and is an Associate Member of the Institute of British Engineers.

Additional Sanitary Inspector & Assistant Building Surveyor - Whole-time Officer. Engaged part-time on Housing Survey.

Additional Sanitary Inspector and Assistant Building Surveyor - Appointed, but not yet released from H.M. Forces. Will be whole-time Officer.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. The Parishes of Four Marks, Medstead and Ropley are almost wholly supplied by underground rainwater storage tanks, owing to their elevation and the depth of the water-bearing strata.

The Parishes of Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden are supplied from the mains of the Herriard and Lasham Water Company.

The Parishes of Bentley, Froyle, Grayshott and Headley are, for the greater part, supplied from the mains of the Wey Valley Water Company.

Under guarantees or loan assistance from this Council, the Wey Valley Water Company have provided supplies in the Parishes of Binsted, Chawton, Farrington, Kingsley, Selborne and Whitehill.

Terms have been agreed with the Wey Valley Water Company for the Company to provide a supply to the Parish of Newton Valence with assistance by the Council and private individuals, when necessary sanctions have been obtained. Having been approved by the County Council the matter is now in the hands of the Minister of Health.

Post-War Schemes for the serving of all areas by piped supply have been prepared.

|                                                                                 |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of houses in the District.....                                           | 5,133 |
| ditto having piped supplies .....                                               | 2,528 |
| ditto within 100 yds of mains .....                                             | 692   |
| ditto which will be within 100 yds of<br>proposed post-War mains .....          | 1,082 |
| ditto not capable of being provided with<br>piped supplies by the above Schemes | 831 + |

+This figure will be substantially amended when the Herriard & Lasham Water Company's Post-War Schemes, affecting three Parishes, are received.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

The Parish of Bentley is sewered, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation. Schemes for the sewerage of the Parishes of Grayshott, Headley and Whitehill are in course of revision and preparation, with a view to application being made for loan sanction.

To drain adequately the fifty Temporary Houses in course of erection at Lindford in the Parish of Whitehill, a half mile of 12 inch sewer is being laid to discharge into the Military Treatment Works at Bordon. This forms part of the general scheme for the Parish which was prepared and went to enquiry on the outbreak of War.

### Rivers & Streams.

Normal routine inspections have been maintained to prevent pollution. No outstanding cases arose during the year.

### Closet Accommodation.

There has been no change affecting closet accommodation throughout the District during the year.

### Scavenging & Salvage.

All scavenging contracts, except that regarding nightsoil in the Parish of Grayshott, have been terminated, the Council having undertaken direct collection of night soil, wet refuse and cesspool emptying in a defined area of the Parish of Whitehill. A house-to-house collection of salvage and tins is carried out once monthly throughout the whole of the District, fortnightly in two Parishes. The collections are carried out by the Council's own vehicles and employees.

### Hop-Pickers' Accommodation.

Necessary routine inspections have been maintained.





## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

As far as circumstances have permitted, routine inspections have been maintained throughout the area. Complaints have been dealt with and abatement enforced.

Special attention has been given to drainage difficulties which naturally arose as a result of Military occupation of properties and the occupation of dwellinghouses to full capacity by civilian evacuees, which led to the overloading of drainage systems designed for a normal number of occupants. As such premises are de-requisitioned close attention is being given to the adjustment of the drainage systems.

### SITES FOR MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Occupation of such sites has been considerably reduced throughout the year.

### GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME.

The District has been used extensively for the billeting of Civilian evacuees, both under the private arrangement scheme and for the reception of organised groups from the bombed areas of London, Portsmouth and Southampton. Many families have left the District throughout the year and many houses have returned to normal use with beneficial results.

### HOUSING.

Reconditioning of cottages under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts is proceeding, although few in number.

Overcrowding occasionally occurs, principally as a result of billeting under the private arrangement scheme, but abatements have been brought about in most instances without undue delay.

### HOUSING SURVEY.

A standard of fitness for rural houses was formulated for general acceptance throughout the County and the classification of houses adopted is that recommended by the Report of the Joint County Committee.

Inspections under the Survey commenced in this District on the 27th February 1945, and were continued on a part time basis until the 27th June 1945, when it had to be discontinued owing to increased duties under Civil Building Licensing. It will, however, be continued full time without interruption immediately upon release from the Services of the appointed second additional Sanitary Inspector.

### MILK SUPPLY.

Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds have been carried out. Milk production has increased throughout the District and new producers have been added to the Register, the premises having been brought up to the required standard.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

In connection with condemned foodstuffs, co-operation with the Ministry of Food Salvage Officers has led to the salvage and use of foodstuffs for animal feeding or other purposes.

### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

With the exception of a severe outbreak of measles, the year on the whole has been good.

There were 379 cases of measles.

23 cases of scarlet fever of a mild type were notified, but there was no definite outbreak.



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The majority of the school-children have been inoculated against diphtheria.

There were no cases of diphtheria among children. The only cases notified were 2 adults who had not been immunized.

|                         | <u>Total cases notified.</u> | <u>Admitted to Hospital.</u> | <u>Deaths.</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Scarlet Fever .....     | 23                           | 23                           | -              |
| Diphtheria.....         | 2                            | 2                            | -              |
| Enteric Fever.....      | -                            | -                            | -              |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ..... | 2                            | -                            | -              |
| Pneumonia .....         | 11                           | 6                            | 1              |

#### CANCER.

There were 31 deaths from cancer, 11 males and 20 females.

| <u>Age Distribution</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females.</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 50                      | 1            | 3               |
| 60                      | -            | 3               |
| 70                      | 10           | 14              |

  

| <u>Age Groups.</u>  | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>35</u> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Scarlet Fever ..... | 2        | 3        | 2        | 10        | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| Diphtheria.....     | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -         | 2         |

#### PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

2 cases of ophthalmia neonatorum were notified.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and mortality during 1945 :-

| <u>Age Periods.</u> | <u>New cases.</u>  |           |                        |           | <u>Deaths</u>      |           |                   |           |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                     | <u>Respiratory</u> |           | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |           | <u>Respiratory</u> |           | <u>Non-Resptr</u> |           |
|                     | <u>M.</u>          | <u>F.</u> | <u>M.</u>              | <u>F.</u> | <u>M.</u>          | <u>F.</u> | <u>M.</u>         | <u>F.</u> |
| 1                   | -                  | -         | -                      | -         | -                  | -         | -                 | -         |
| 5                   | -                  | -         | -                      | -         | -                  | -         | -                 | -         |
| 15                  | -                  | -         | 1                      | 1         | -                  | -         | -                 | -         |
| 25                  | 5                  | 2         | 1                      | -         | 2                  | 1         | -                 | -         |
| 35                  | 3                  | 2         | -                      | -         | 1                  | -         | -                 | -         |
| 45                  | -                  | -         | -                      | -         | 1                  | -         | -                 | -         |
| 55                  | -                  | 1         | -                      | -         | -                  | 2         | -                 | 1         |
| TOTALS              | 8                  | 5         | 2                      | 1         | 4                  | 3         | -                 | 1         |

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1935.

#### SCABIES.

During 1945, 66 patients were treated for scabies at the Joint Isolation Hospital.

The number of families treated was 28.





I should like to add that your Sanitary Inspector,  
Mr. Bennett, has rendered very valuable services during the  
year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed..... H. CURRER WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.



June 1945.

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|                                                            |                    |     |           |     |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|
| The Area of the District is(in acres)                      | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | 65.526 |
| The population 1931 census...                              | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | 20.455 |
| " " estimated in 1944...                                   | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | 18.520 |
| The number of inhabited houses is                          | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | ...    |
| The Rateable value is                                      | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | ...    |
| The sum represented by a penny rate is                     | ...                | ... | ...       | ... | ...    |
| according to the figures supplied to me by the Registrar - |                    |     |           |     |        |
| The Births and Deaths are as follows:-                     |                    |     |           |     |        |
| Live Births                                                | Legitimate (males) | 125 | (females) | 115 |        |
|                                                            | Illegitimate "     | 52  | "         | 68  |        |
|                                                            | Total              | 360 |           |     |        |

Birth Rate. 19.2

Deaths. The total number of Deaths belonging to this District was 291- of these 106 died outside my District.

Death Rate. per 1000 of the population=15.7

|                                 |     |     |     |     |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Deaths from puerperal causes... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| " of Infants under 1 year       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| " from Cancer                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42 |
| " " Measles                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| " " Whooping Cough              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| " " Diarrhea                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |

Deaths over 70 years of age numbered 143 of these 58 were over 80 and 12 were over 90 years of age.

General provisions of Health services for the area.

The Public Officers are:-

Medical Officer of Health -Part time officer

The Senior Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor- whole time officer- he holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and is an associate member of the Institute of British Engineers-

The Assistant Sanitary Inspector-whole time officer .

There has been no change during the year in Laboration facilities, ambulance services, nursing arrangements or hospital accommodation-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER

The Parishes of Four Marks, Medstead and Ropley are almost wholly supplied by underground rainwater storage tanks , owing to their elevation and the depth of the water-bearing strata.

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Terms have been agreed with the Wey Valley Water Company for the Company to provide a supply to the Parish of Newton Valence with assistance by the Council and private individuals, when necessary sanctions have been obtained.

Owing to drought conditions, well water supplies generally became low and it became necessary to make provisional arrangements for deliveries by road transport. Although the position became almost critical, it was not necessary to put the above arrangements into practice.

Post-war schemes for the serving of all areas by piped supply have been prepared.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Parish of Bentley is sewered, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation. Schemes for the sewerage of the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill are in the course of revision with a view to application being made for loan sanction.

#### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Normal routine inspections have been maintained to prevent pollution.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There has been no change affecting closet accommodation throughout the District during the year.

#### SCAVENGING AND SALVAGE.

All scavenging contracts, except that regarding night soil in the Parish of Grayshott, have been terminated, the Council having undertaken direct collection of night soil, wet refuse and cesspool emptying in a defined area of the Parish of Whitehill. A house-to-house collection of Salvage and tins is carried out once monthly throughout the whole of the District, fortnightly in two Parishes. The collections are carried out by the Council's own vehicles and employees.

#### HOP PICKERS ACCOMMODATION.

Necessary routine inspections have been maintained.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

As far as circumstances have permitted, routine inspections have been maintained throughout the area. Complaints have dealt with and abatement enforced.

Special attention has been given to drainage difficulties and of <sup>THE</sup> ~~occupation of~~ which naturally arose as a result of military occupation of properties dwelling houses to full capacity by civilian evacuees which led to the overloading of drainage systems originally designed for a normal number of occupants.

#### CAMPING SITES.

Occupation of such sites has been considerably reduced.

#### GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME.

The District has been used extensively for the billeting of Civilian evacuees both under the private arrangement scheme and for the reception of organised groups from the bombed areas of London, Portsmouth and Southampton.





## HOUSING.

Reconditioning of cottages under the Housing Rural Workers Acts is proceeding.

Necessary action is being taken to record particulars of properties considered unfit for human occupation but no demolitions have been carried during the year.

Overcrowding occasionally occurs, principally as a result of billeting under the private arrangement scheme, but abatements have been brought about without undue delay.

## MILK SUPPLY.

Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds have been carried. Milk production has increased throughout the District and new producers have been added to the Register, the premises having been brought up to the required standard.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

In connection with condemned foodstuffs, co-operation with the Ministry of Food Salvage Officers has led to the salvage and use of Foodstuffs for animal feeding or other purposes.

## MILITARY BILLETING.

Every opportunity has been taken to co-operate with the Military Authorities regarding the suitability of sanitary arrangements in connection with the billeting of troops throughout the District.

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The year on the whole has been fairly good-there were no serious outbreaks-

There were 24 cases of Scarlet Fever-but no definite outbreak-and all the cases of a mild type-

It is estimated that nearly 100% of all children in the schools in the District have been innoculated against Diphtheria-

353 children at school were immunized and 228 under 5 years

There were 6 cases of Diphtheria- two of them were adults and none of them had been immunized-

|                   | Total cases notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Deaths. |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Scarlet Fever ... | 24                   | 21                         | 0       |
| Diphtheria.....   | 6                    | 6                          | 3       |
| Enteric Fever.... | 0                    | 0                          | 0       |
| Puerperal pyrexia | 0                    | 0                          | 0       |
| Pneumonia.....    | 1                    | 1                          | 0       |

Cancer-There were 42 deaths from Cancer 21 males and 21 females-

| <u>Age Distribution</u> |    |   |   |    |    | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|--------------|----------------|
|                         | 50 |   |   |    |    | 2            | 2              |
|                         | 60 |   |   |    |    | 4            | 9              |
|                         | 70 |   |   |    |    | 15           | 10             |
| <u>Age Groups</u>       | 3  | 4 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20           | 35             |
| Scarlet Fever           | 4  | - | 5 | 7  | 4  | 2            | 2              |
| Diphtheria              | -  | - | 1 | 2  | 1  | 1            | 1              |

## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

## TUBERCULONS.

New cases and mortality during 1944.





Age PeriodsNew CasesDeaths

|        | <u>Respiratory</u> |   | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |   | <u>Respiratory</u> |   | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |   |
|--------|--------------------|---|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------------|---|
|        | M                  | F | M                      | F | M                  | F | M                      | F |
| 0      | -                  | - | -                      | 1 | -                  | - | -                      | - |
| 1      | -                  | - | 1                      | 4 | -                  | - | 1                      | - |
| 5      | 1                  | - | -                      | 1 | -                  | - | 1                      | - |
| 15     | 4                  | - | -                      | - | 1                  | - | -                      | - |
| 25     | 2                  | - | -                      | - | 1                  | 1 | -                      | - |
| 35     | 1                  | 1 | -                      | - | 1                  | 1 | -                      | - |
| 45     | -                  | 1 | -                      | - | 1                  | 1 | 1                      | - |
| 55     | -                  | - | -                      | - | -                  | - | -                      | - |
| Totals | 8                  | 2 | 1                      | 6 | 4                  | 3 | 3                      | - |

No action was taken under Public Health(Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation 1925 or under section 62 of the Public Health Act 1935.

Scabies.

111 cases of scabies have been treated in the Isolation Hospital by the Red Cross Voluntary Workers-  
52 Adults and 59 children.

Altogether 34 households recurrences have been very few, swelling is done with soft soap in hot water followed by the application of Benzil Benzoate Emulsion- Two treatments at 5 days interval- Disinfection is done for Hostels and Institutes only-

I should like to add that your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Bennett, has rendered very valuable services during the year-

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,  
H. Currer Williams,

Medical Officer of Health.

